

Apandi denies MACC prosecutor transferred

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Attorney-General Mohd Apandi Ali denies that a deputy public prosecutor (DPP) attached to MACC's special operations division has been transferred.

Ahmad Shazalee Abdul Khairi was part of division which looked at former 1MDB subsidiary SRC International.

"I have checked. Your story on the transfer of the said DPP out of MACC is false," he said in a text message to Malaysiakini late Monday.

Apandi was asked why Ahmad Shazalee, whose office and home was raided in August, was suddenly transferred.

In a tweet also tonight, the Attorney-General's Chambers (AGC) said: "The AGC clarifies that there is no transfer order for DPP Ahmad Shazalee Abdul Khairi out of the MACC."

In a telephone conversation earlier, Apandi told Malaysiakini that he could not pinpoint which officer he was being asked about.

"I have so many officers being transferred. I can't pinpoint which one," he said, when asked for the reason behind Ahmad Shazalee's transfer.

Several sources in MACC and the Attorney-General's Chambers (AGC) had spoken to Malaysiakini of Ahmad Shazalee's abrupt transfer out of MACC's special operations division.

The transfer came despite the fact that Ahmad Shazalee's secondment to the MACC had just been extended in the middle of this year and was supposed to run until 2017.

Curiously, however, Ahmad Shazalee's name does not appear in the section of AGC's website that lists the transfers involving its officers.

Ahmad Shazalee had previously been arrested by the police on Aug 1 and his home and office raided.

The raid came amid a slew of actions widely seen to be disruptive of MACC's investigation into SRC International.

The company had allegedly transferred RM50 million, RM42 million of which supposedly ended up in Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak's personal bank account.

Najib has consistently denied any wrongdoing.

Transferred back and forth

Previously, MACC's special operations director Bahri Mohd Zin and its strategic communications director Rohaizad Yaakob were transferred on Aug 10 to the Prime Minister's Department.

Bahri had been speaking up against the alleged harassment that his officers faced while Rohaizad was supposedly transferred for receiving a memorandum from opposition politicians on the 1MDB issue.

However, they were later transferred back to MACC after it had a meeting with Chief Secretary to the Government Ali Hamsa and Public Service Department director-general Mohamad Zabidi Zainal.

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